

**MINUTES  
CITY OF BLOOMINGTON  
COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABILITY**

Tuesday, September 11, 2012  
6:00 pm McCloskey Room, City Hall, 401 North Morton Street

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, October 9, 2012

**Roll Call:**

Members present: Maggie Sullivan, David Rollo, Molly O'Donnell, Bill Brown, David Parkhurst, Jeff Jewel, Amanda Figolah, Ashley Skooglund, Caleb Steiner, George Huntington.

Regrets: Amy Countryman, Claire Cumberland, Ted Mendoza, Cynthia Schultz.

Staff: Jacqui Bauer, Ian Champ

Chair Maggie Sullivan called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

**Public Comment:**

No Public Comments.

**Announcements:**

- Sept 17<sup>th</sup>, IU integrated energy master plan public comment.
- Sept 19<sup>th</sup>, possible last meeting of the draft report of the deer task force before the report goes to the council. Open to comment and input.
- Sept 29<sup>th</sup>, Green Apple Day of Service; GBC day of service, looking to do a tour of the CIB building.
- Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>, dedication and ribbon cutting at new Will Dittmar park (4:30-6:30pm).

**Approval of Minutes:**

Passage of the June minutes was postponed until the October meeting. The July minutes were amended to address food policy discussion, name misspelling, and correction to a discussion on the "perpetual growth of the economy." These revisions were voted upon and the minutes were passed unanimously as amended.

**Report on the Bike and Pedestrian Initiatives:**

Bill Brown provided an update.

- Using IU/Bloomington's initial Bronze level biking campus certification as a starting point for further improvement,
- Almost all LEED buildings (11 in progress, 2 completed) are seeking LEED points for biking projects,
- Through student involvement and University initiatives, interactive biking maps and maps showing bike racks are now available,
- Transportation study conducted to assess traffic patterns (yielded a >50% participation rate for faculty, staff and students). Lead to the idea of creating a biking master plan for the university,
- Walk friendly community assessment is being conducted by Mr. Brown's class in SPEA.

### **Report on the Bloomington Food Policy – Food Charter:**

David Parkhurst provided a report.

- The draft food charter provided for review by BCOS was drafted using models of various other food charters from both the U.S. and Canada,
- Often Food charters are among the first things undertaken by local food councils,
- Food charters are statements of principles rather than specific goals,
- This new document reflects new input.

*Discussion:*

- Clarify in the policy that this is a collaborative effort among many partners and not just a government undertaking,
- Discussions on community-wide composting are being undertaken with utilities,
- Experimentation in the private sector already underway – illustrates a potential wider interest in the subject,
- Would IU like to be involved in this as well? – IUOS certainly supports this idea but University-wide approval might prove difficult to achieve.

*Final Thought:*

- Review and assess for next month's meeting.

### **Report from the Chair:**

- Focusing on waste reduction for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2012,
- Press releases being formed for what has been accomplished and what is currently in the works,
- Suggestions for committee focus during this final quarter of the year, with particular emphasis on educational initiatives desired:
  - Planning Director Tom Micuda will be invited to talk about the Growth Policies Plan (GPP) ten year revision – focus on the City's planning,
  - Focus on Food (STAR Committee's work),
  - Transportation, including the new Bloomington Transit Hub.
- Develop ideas for 2013 initiatives,
  - Idea of drafting ordinances such as food charters, walk friendly assessment, Global reporting initiative for the City (focus on energy, economics and social equity),
  - Task: Each commissioner is requested to develop one idea for a 2013 activity or goal by next meeting.

### **Report from the Sustainability Coordinator:**

Hoosier-to-Hoosier Sale:

- Increase of ~70% in revenue,
- Sale is in transition to a new location. Suggestions are welcome.

LEED Certification of City Hall:

- Initial submission completed,
- Issues to address have been brought back,
- Resubmission in the next two weeks,

- Because of the building's energy use (which do not allow us to meet Energy Star thresholds), the city was required to pursue an alternative path for certification. The conditions of pursuing this path are that the project can only achieve basic LEED certification level rather than at the silver, gold, or other level.

**Committee Reports:**

ECPC – Environmental Commission Planning Committee:

- No report this month.

STAR committee:

- The committee held a discussion of multiple food-related organizations over the summer, and hopes to reconvene a subset of this group for the purpose of developing food-related targets for the community. The committee hopes to move forward with this in the fall.

**New Business:**

No New Business.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.